

# Crystal Cave rocks!



See fabulous cave formations! NPS Photo

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours before the tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see page 12 map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on the road to the cave.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep and it's 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations! Tours by the SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

## 45-Minute Cave Tours

Don't miss this opportunity!

Through 9/1:

- Weekdays 10:30am -4:30pm every 1/2 hour.
- Saturdays & Labor Day weekend (8/30-9/1) every 1/2 hour 10am-5pm.
- Sundays 10:30 am - 5 pm.

Through 9/2-9/21:

- Weekends on the hour 11am-4pm.
- Weekdays 11am, noon, 2 pm, 3pm.

Through 9/22-10/26 (weather permitting):

- Saturdays on the hour 11am-3pm; Sundays 11am-2pm.
- Weekdays 11am, 1 pm, 2pm.

Fees: Age 6-12 \$6.00; age 13-61 \$11.00; age 62 & up \$10.00; under 6 & Golden Access Pass holders free. National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a discount!

## 1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours

Weekdays only through 8/29, starting at 4:15 pm. Enjoy a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$18.95 each (SNHA members \$16.95).

Go wild - ask about Wild Cave Tours!

# Free Activities

**WALKS & TALKS** Free ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, the Foothills, and Cedar Grove. See pages 8 and 9 or check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

**VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES** Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy and sells a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8 and 9 for details.

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - FREE

People of all ages earn a badge while helping to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions and have fun!

## BEETLE ROCK NATURE CENTER

Programs, activities, and exhibits for all ages! Daily 10am-4pm through 8/17. Across the Generals Highway from the Giant Forest Museum.

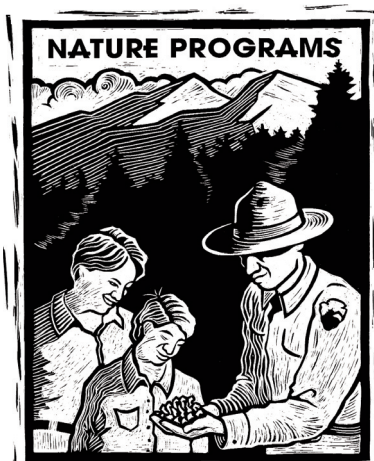
## TEACHERS:

### BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS

Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date, call 1-559-565-4303.

### RANGER IN THE CLASSROOM

Bring these world-famous parks to your elementary students! Call 1-559-565-3733 to learn about this exciting new program.



# WHERE CAN I...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 to learn more). Use a map to know where you are! So, where can you:

- **WALK A PET?** In the Parks: Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). In National Forest: Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.
- **GO CAMPING?** In the Parks: Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. In National Forest: In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

- **COLLECT THINGS?** Not in Parks: Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. In National Forest: Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. In both areas: Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.
- **HUNT?** Not in the Parks. Fire-arms must be unloaded, inoperable & stored in way that prevents ready use prior to entering national parks. In National Forest: Only during the season with a license. Call 1-559-243-4005.
- **GO CAMPING?** In the Parks: Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. In National Forest: In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.
- **CUT WOOD?** Not in the Parks. In National Forest: Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.

- **DRIVE OFF-ROAD?** Not in either area. Stay on roads.
- **GO PICNICKING?** See picnic symbols on map (back page). Bears are active; never leave food unattended! Fire Restrictions: Check bulliten boards for details. Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, & Crescent Meadow.
- **HAVE A FIRE?** Fire restrictions are in effect! Check for details. In the Parks: Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. In National Forest: Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at park visitor centers in Grant Grove & Cedar Grove or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.
- **GO FISHING?** In both areas: Permitted during the season; California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

- **RIDE A BICYCLE?** In the Parks: Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. In both areas: Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

## • RIDE HORSEBACK

Call regarding hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips.

- **Cedar Grove**  
1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season
- **Grant Grove**  
1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-594-9307 off season
- **Horse Corral**  
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest  
1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell